

Fish, Wildlife and Parks Maintenance Accounts Report

September 1, 2010

Parks Maintenance Fund #02064

Deposits into #02064 through August 15, 2010:

- Fish Creek acquisition \$ 46,944

Withdrawals from #02064 through August 15, 2010:

- None \$ 0

Regional Reports of Maintenance Completed through August 15, 2010:

The acquisition of Fish Creek State Park closed on June 17, 2010. State Parks committed \$7,500 of FY2010 base operations for the control of weeds at the park.

Maintenance Plans for FY11:

Operations of \$10,000 are earmarked for weed control at Fish Creek State Park. The balance of the fund will be used to address maintenance issues as needed at the site over time.

Fishing Access Site Maintenance Fund #02056

Deposits into #02056 through August 15, 2010:

• Seed money transferred from #02409	\$ 200,000
• Clark's Fork Yellowstone acquisition	103,500
• Stipek FAS	99,000
• McWenegar Slough	6,000
• Cottonwood Grove FAS	6,000
• Eight Mile FAS	8,190
• Interest	<u>961</u>
• TOTAL	\$ 423,651

Withdrawals from #02056 through August 15, 2010:

• Org #6961	\$ 42,930
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Regional Reports of Maintenance Completed through August 15, 2010:

Expenditures were approximately \$42,930 for personal service and operations that were attributable to FAS weed control and maintenance efforts statewide. Table 1 below provides: fund, description and duties performed, region, and the cost and total for expenditures.

Table 1

FY2010 FAS Expenditures					
Fund	Description/Duties Performed	Region	Personal Service \$	Ops \$	Totals
02056	Ranger for Beaverhead & Big Hole Rivers	3	\$10,112		\$10,112
02056	Operations support for Ranger	3		\$7,871	\$7,871
02056	Weed spraying	6		\$3,308	\$3,308
02056	Weed spraying	2		\$2,990	\$2,990
02056	Fencing material	4		\$1,150	\$1,150
02056	Fencing material	4		\$782	\$782
02056	Fencing material	4		\$1,715	\$1,715
02056	Fencing \$10,000 and road improvements/dust abatement \$5,000	4		\$15,000	\$15,000
			\$10,112	\$32,816	\$42,928

Maintenance Plans for FY11:

The Ranger in Region 3 will continue to maintain the Beaverhead and Big Hole River FAS while also improving landowner relations and overall management. This position is currently budgeted for \$60,340 in personal services and operations.

Maintenance of FAS's is an ongoing challenge directly helped by SB 164. In some locations, such as the Beaverhead and Big Hole rivers, the challenge is magnified by lack of staff to work locally. Since 2000, the Beaverhead and Big Hole rivers were being managed out of Bozeman. Now SB 164 funds are being used to have a ranger work out of Dillon to improve site maintenance, landowner relations, and overall management of the land.

In a 2009 weed audit, weed control at FASs was identified as a problem. A key concern of field staff is the lack of hired help to address needs. Weed control and coordination is being done at the same time as bathrooms need cleaning, fences mended, construction is occurring, and visitors are using sites.

The division has requested approval to put 6 half-time maintenance workers on the ground around the state to deal with weed control and improve coordination with counties and landowners while also providing maintenance support for other tasks like fence repair and litter pickup. Operation monies will go toward weed contracts, chemical and biological control, and other direct expenses. See table 2 below.

Table 2

FY2011 FAS Expenditures						
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Position/Description</u>	<u>Personal Service \$</u>	<u>Ops \$</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Budgeted						
02056	3	1.00	Park Ranger	\$44,340	\$16,000	\$60,340
Earmarked						
02056	1	0.50	Maintenance Worker, Weed Support	\$19,720	\$12,200	\$31,920
02056	2	0.50	Maintenance Worker, Weed Support	\$19,720	\$13,200	\$32,920
02056	3	0.50	Maintenance Worker, Weed Support	\$19,720	\$12,200	\$31,920
02056	4 & 6	0.60	Maintenance Worker, Weed Support	\$23,664	\$14,500	\$38,164
02056	5	0.50	Maintenance Worker, Weed Support	\$19,720	\$13,200	\$32,920
02056	7	0.15	Maintenance Worker, Weed Support	\$4,695	\$6,000	\$10,695
Earmarked Totals		2.75		\$107,239	\$71,300	\$178,539
Total FAS Budgeted and Earmarked				\$151,579	\$87,300	\$238,879

Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) Maintenance Fund #02469

Deposits into #02469 through August 15, 2010:

• Little Doney	\$ 270,000
• Beckman WMA	8,000
• Fish Creek WMA	<u>253,056</u>
• TOTAL	\$ 531,056

Withdrawals from #02469 through August 15, 2010:

- Org #5960 \$ 11,143
- In FY10, FWP utilized a limited amount of resources from the WMA Maintenance Fund as most of the scheduled maintenance was already programmed and budgeted within existing budgets.

Regional Reports of Maintenance Completed through August 15, 2010:

Resources from the WMA Maintenance Fund were used to create/pay for FTE in Regions 1, 2, and 6 as follows to assist with WMA maintenance, especially new projects:

- R1 - .25 FTE - to assist with maintenance on the recently acquired North Shore property, as well as Nine Pipes WMA parcels.
- R2 - .35 FTE - to assist with maintenance of R2 WMAs including the recently acquired Little Doney WMA, Stuckey Ridge portion of Blue Eyed Nellie WMA, and others.
- R6 - .50 FTE - to assist with maintenance on the newly acquired Cree Crossing WMA, as well as other R6 WMAs including Fresno Reservoir WMA, Fresno Tailwater WMA, Hinsdale WMA, Milk River WMA, and Rookery WMA.

Maintenance Plans for FY11:

R1 – WMAs in the Mission Valley and the Flathead Valley -- Utilize FTE created in FY10 (0.25 FTE) to address weed issues.

- Salary - \$7,000
- Operations - \$10,000 (weed chemical, equipment, and fuel)

R2 – Fish Creek and Marshall Block -- In addition to the ongoing FTE/maintenance described above, significant start-up maintenance needs are anticipated. Needs include:

- Four 6-month positions (2 FTE) -- \$50,000

- weed control, signage, road maintenance, parking lot construction, and gates -- \$80,000

R2 - Three Mile WMA -- The entrance road is in desperate need of repair to reduce sediment input into the stream. This project is in cooperation with with the County and USFS as they improve their adjacent road sections.

- Road work -- \$100,000

R2 -- Three-Mile WMA

- Weed spraying -- \$4,200

R2 -- Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA

- Aerial weed spraying -- \$7,000

R4 - Judith River WMA -- The primary hunting access to the Judith River WMA on the north side is Rogers' (neighbor) access road.

- Road improvements on both private land and FWP land -- \$20,000

R4 - Judith River WMA -- Investigate water development on the south portion of the WMA, adjacent to USFS and private property. Redistribute cattle in the existing grazing program or expand grazing to utilize cattle for vegetation treatments south of the county road.

- Water development -- \$12,000

R4 - Marias River WMA --Aerial treatment of additional acres (340 acres treated in 2010) for control of leafy spurge, Russian and Spotted knapweeds, and whitetop and pepperweed infestations to reduce weed encroachment on adjacent private land.

- Weed control -- \$12,000

R4 - Marias River WMA -- Road improvements on the Clark access route.

- Road work -- \$15,000

R4 -- Marias River WMA

- Boundary fencing and road maintenance -- 80,000

R4 - Beckman WMA -- Move the existing irrigation pump site for the center wheel line system so the farming lessee (neighbor) will be able to protect the pump site that is in a location of severe bank erosion.

- Relocate irrigation pump -- \$5,000

R4 - Beckman WMA -- Identify and improve an access route from the Bear Springs County Road (N boundary of WMA) through the Thompson property (we own an access easement) to the northern corner of the Beckman WMA .

- Access road -- \$12,000

R6 WMAs -- Provide a half-time position and operations for weed control efforts.

- Salary for 0.50 FTE Tech - \$19,000
- Operations, primarily weed control chemicals -- \$2,500

Additional Information:

Wildlife expended a significant amount of operations funds on WMA maintenance throughout the state in FY10 using funds earmarked through Habitat Montana per 87-1-242. These funds were used as follows to meet the intent of the Good Neighbor policy. FY11 expenditures and activities will be similar.

- WMA Weed Control (Regions 1-7) - \$44,602
- Weed Control (statewide) - \$47,494 (Project 5886)
- Forest Management: \$5,975.
- Fuel for WMA equipment: \$918.
- Diesel fuel: \$1,056
- Grass seed plantings on Beartooth WMA: \$118.
- WMA equip. repair: \$1,476.
- Signs for new WMAs: \$4,000
- Replace culverts: \$2,682
- Cattle guard/culvert : \$917
- R1 - Montana Conservation Corps work on Ninepipes WMA: \$4,000
- R1 - Ninepipes WMA contract farming: \$4,200
- R1 - Weed control Ninepipes WMA: \$4,946
- R1 - Crushed gravel for Ninepipes WMA: \$360
- R1 - Ninepipes WMA new culverts: \$1,801.
- R2 - B-C WMA Boyd pasture restoration evaluation: \$1,585. And \$4,082.
- R2 - B-C road work: \$2,650.
- R3 - Mt. Haggin WMA Fence removal: \$4,498.
- R3 - Weed control -Canyon Ferry WMA: \$1,309.
- R4 - Backhoe repairs: \$2,339.
- R4 WMA truck repairs: \$2,063.
- R4 equip tire replacement: \$1,752.
- R4 - Pump outhouses: \$810.
- R4 - Judith WMA new water pump and installation: \$1,050.
- R4 - Sun River WMA gravel road: \$1,357.
- R5 - Weed control, Yellowstone WMA: \$4,579.
- R5 -Silver Run WMA boundary fence replacement/repair: \$4,980.
- R6 - Cree Crossing WMA fence removal: \$4,928.
- R6 - Rookery contract farming: \$4,600 and \$1,550.
- R6 - ATV weed sprayer: \$750.
- R6 - Cree Crossing water fee: \$495.
- R7 - Isaac Homestead ditch fees: \$1380.
- WMA small equipment: mowers and spreaders; ATV and trailers; R1, R2, R6: \$25,261.

In addition, the following table lists the ongoing and completed capital projects at WMAs throughout the state.

FUND	Descriptoin	BUDGET	BALANCE	
	By Org (Region)			
R-1	7095301 - WOODS RANCH WMA-ORCHARD LOOP	\$35,000	\$35,000	Road work
	7075319 - NINEPIPE WMA PARKING LOT	\$4,983	\$0	
R-2	7095306 - MANLEY EASEMENT WELL	\$28,879	\$28,085	for grazing system
	7095304 - B-C HOUSE REMOVE PORCH	\$7,000	\$7,000	
	7075317 - AUNT MOLLY CULTURAL	\$1,793	\$0	barn removal
R-3	7035311 - MT HAGGIN DEEP CREEK EXCLOSURE	\$1,600	\$0	Veg. exclosure
	7035312 - MT HAGGIN MULE RANCH FENCE	\$15,000	\$15,000	boundary fence
	7035332 - MT HAGGIN - BEAVER CK FENCE	\$10,000	\$10,000	boundary fence
	7075304 - MT HAGGIN - FAIRMONT FENCE	\$37,000	\$37,000	boundary fence
	7055318 - R-3 DOME MOUNTAIN WMA IRRIGATION	\$58,490	\$0	irrigate ag field
	7075313 - R-3 WALL CREEK WMA SOLAR UPGRADE	\$12,000	\$12,000	
	7095305 - ROBB CREEK RIPARIAN FENCE	\$45,000	\$45,000	
	7095307 - MT HAGGIN WMA 10 MI/12 MI FENCE	\$60,000	\$60,000	boundary fence
	7095308 - MT HAGGIN WILLOW GLEN FENCE	\$14,000	\$14,000	boundary fence
	7095312 - DUHAME WELL & WATER SYSTEM	\$33,000	\$16,407	grazing system
	7075318 - R-3 FLEECER WMA SOUTH FENCE	\$10,000	\$350	boundary fence
	7035324 - SUN RIVER 4 MI PERIMETER FENCE	\$260,614	\$183,187	
	7075307 - BECKMAN WMA II WATER	\$202,074	\$23,619	grazing system
	7075311 - R-4 MARIAS RIVER WMA (lincoln property)	\$227,953	\$101,906	boundary survey&fence
R-4	7075320 - R-4 WMA LATRINE BTTOOTH/JUDITH/EAR	\$35,000	\$35,000	
	5885 - R-4 MARIAS RIVER Latrine w/parks (by FYE)	\$5,120.25	\$0.00	
	7095309 - FREEZEOUT OFC ENERGY UPDATE	\$10,000	\$8,951	
	7075308 - R-5 YELLOWSTONE WMA ROADWORK	\$139,386	\$0	final done

R-6	7035334 - ROOKERY WMA RESTORATION	\$100,000	\$100,000
	7075312 - R-6 WMA OLSON RESTORATION	\$60,000	\$60,000
	7075321 - R-6 MILK RIVER AREA 7 & 8		
	FENCING	\$40,000	\$40,000
R-7	7055311-ISSAC HOMESTEAD BRIDGE	\$15,000	\$9,279
MISC	7055302 - GRAVEL FOR ROAD MTCE	\$6,440	\$0
	TOTAL	\$1,475,331	\$841,783